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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) and in an effort to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, the following information is hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner.

No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Respectfully submitted,

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